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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Joseph L. Kim et al.  
Examiner : Marianne P. Allen, Ph.D.  
Group : 1647  
Application No.: 09/303,216 Confirmation No.: 8037  
Filed : April 30, 1999  
For : CRYSTALS OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS HELICASE OR FRAGMENTS THEREOF COMPRISING A HELICASE BINDING POCKET

New York, New York  
June 30, 2006

**Mail Stop: Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to the December 30, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application. This Response is filed concurrently with a Petition for a three-month extension of time for responding to that action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), together with the requisite extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). With this extension of time, a response is due on or before June 30, 2006. Thus, this Response is timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Office Action dated December 30, 2005  
Response to Office Action dated June 30, 2006

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims,  
which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper